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Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the years. A Knowledge of English is essential, 3111 May, 1898. Upon Payment of such calls and production &c. can be obtained of the of the certificates for the shares, in respect of which the same are paid, a note of the payment

will be indersed on the certificates. Dated the and day of May, 1898. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers

UNION IN URANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED,

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Hongkong, 20th April, 1899.

NOTICE ..

Agents.

C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

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Secretary. United States Consulate, [551] CANTON, Chine, 1st Pabenary, 1898, [290

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Hongkong, 8th December, 1807.

DEATH. On 11th inst., at Kowloon Dock, Mrs. G

Monatona Welearns

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1898.

DEFENCELESS HONGKONG.

Sir William Robinson, ex-governor of & Hongkong, has for once dropped favourite faintant role and has spoken out vigorously. What he had to say was a censure of official negligence or ignorance; and consequently he was reprimanded by the Lords of Officialdom. Hongkong owes him its gratitude for speaking out and we trust that somebody will see to it, that he is duly thanked as he deserves. He said, what everybody out here knows that Hongkong would be utterly untenable if the hills of Chinese Kowloon were occupied by an enemy with artillery; and we wassels, whence expeditions could be organised have no force to prevent such occupation. The Hongkong garrison could not possibly cover the broken country immediately behind British Kowloon. Some ten or twenty miles of rough ground, honeycombed everywhere by ravines, cannot possibly be held by the tiny body troops in Hongkong. The strip of land must be occupied and fortified; artillery alone cannot defend such places. In the war of 1894-5, the Chinese artillerymen at Port Arthur and Wel-halwel stuck to their guns and worked them as long as possible; common report notwithstanding, the testimony of eyewitnesses is that in most cases the gun-crews worked their weapons manfully until they found swarms of Japanese had crept up the nullahs and were at close range, like a swarm of bees. What use is a 45-ton | defencelers sgalost a military force coming from cannon against a thousand black dots hiding all over a hillside? As well try to ! pick off a cloud of mosquitoes one by one with an Indian club. To save Hongkong to realise the situation' without a burning mountain artillery and riflemen, with without distinction of party, and without, and block-houses, are needed on the hills interests its readers or not, ought to take of Chinese Kowloon. It is not enough to the matter up and never cease pressing if provide against the capture of the island upon the authorities until Hongkong is of Hongkong; it is not enough that the sale. The best way to obtain this end is forts on the Island command the harbour through the Navy League, which ever enemy get a single big gun planted on the support. hills behind British Kowloon, and in half Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who an hour irreparable damage could be done to this naval station before our defenders face could get much defending accomplished.

> a little shelling would suffice. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, strange as it may seem to some, has made a mistake, the course of debate in the House of Commons he stated that he "does not approve of officials in the colonial service or recently in that service" giving their opinlons to newspapers "on debatable questions and public policy." Indeed? Does the right hon, gentleman then seriously suggest that experienced officials, whose knowledge and colonial experience might naturally predispose one to consider their titterances with respect, are not to be trusted in matters of public discretion Or is it that their ignorance-from a Government point of view-is as a rule

too astounding !

The enemy need not capture the place;

The observations from the Colonial Minister could hardly have been less happily timed, seeing that immediately after-

wards Mr. Cunzon (the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs) had to confess that the important rumour about Russian troops in Manchurla, concerning which he was now making enquiries at Pekin, only became known to him through the Press! If a new muzzling order is really necessary, Cabinet Ministers should first apply.

In the China seas Great Britain possesses one single naval, military, and commercial base-Hongkong. Here is the one coaling station which we own for our fleet in the whole vast extent of sea between Singapore on the one hand and Esquimault on the other. Here are the only docks where ships operating between these two enormously distant points can in time of war refit. Here are our munitions of war. Here are barracks for our troops. Above all, here is the centre and the keystone of the whole of that vast trade with the Far East, to retain which Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH said that we were prepared to run all risks, even the risk of war. Take away Hongkong, and the tour. foundation of British power in the China seas is instantly destroyed. Without a dockyard, and without coal, our fleet will be paralysed, and its ability to afford protection to the British flag will be gone. And yet Hongkong is inadequately defended the present time. The Government spent large sums on naval and military establishments in the island, and are about to spend, as Mr. Goschen has just borne witness, a large amount more. Yet the terrible fact remains that Hongkong is a the mercy of the foe. The south side of BRANDY.-All our Brandy is guaranteed to the Island is practically undefended, and there is nothing to prevent an enemy from landing there, while it would be still easier for him to land in Mirs Bay, shell Hongkong for an hour at night, and go away unhurt, leaving Hongkong utterly useless as a naval base. These and other facts equally direful are pressed with almost despairing energy in a letter, published in to be superfor to any other brand in the the Navy League Journal of last month, from the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Branch. From this letter, which is dated January 10 last, and which represents the views of the whole British community here, we wote the following passage:-

As a naval station and as an arsenal for the supply of our ships in the Rast, Hongkong as at present constituted is utterly unsafe. The harbour iles between the island of Hongkong and the mainland of Chins. It is nowhere more than three miles wide. It is commanded every past from the hills on the mainland, which run along the whole northern boundary. Their hills wary from 800" to 1,200 ft. in beight, and are passable in many places. These hills are in Chinese territory, and are easily accessible from the sea on their northern slopes, both or the east and on the west. Deep Bay running ! on the west and Miss Bay on the cast, and coming so close to the northern slopes of these hills immediately behind Kowloon that it is only a five miles' walk from the head of Mirs Bay across the hills to the edge of the harbour Mirs Bay has its entrance on the coast, miles to the castward of Hongkong and entirely beyond the range of our defences. Mirs Bay with its numerous inlets is a magnificent sheet of water perfectly land locked, capable of fleating all the places for men and guns; and there is no difficulty in getting either men or guns of considerable calibre to the tops of the hills commanding our harbour. Once in position there, an enemy would be inside our defences and would have the docks, the harbour, the naval yard and

barracks, and the city itself at his mercy. To the south there are absolutely no delences on the island itself, and the greater position of the coast-line is easily accessible for troops and guns, and numerous roads lead to points from which the harbour, the naval arsenal, and the city would be exposed to fire. The sea to the south and west of Hongkong is full of islands, mountainous in character, affording shelter is innumerable bays and creeks for an enemy! in secret for sudden descents on our exposed scuthern side, on which are all our reservoirs o water for the supply of the town and garrison, All these Islands are Chinese. They ought to be, for the effective detence of Hongkong, under the English fing. The defences of Hongkong, as at present constructed, are designed solely and entirely for the purpose of preventing an enemy's fleet from effecting an entrance into the harbour at either end. These fosts and batteries require for their defence the entire strength of the garrison, without leaving any men available for the protection either of the northern beights or of the southern side of the Island. A sham attack in the absence of our fleet-and we are continually cautioned that the se of war the fleet will be elsewhere, and that we cannot rely on it for the defence of Honghong-by threater four vessels of an enemy's fleet would call the entire garrison into the forts at the Lyemun to the east, and Stonecutter's and Beicher's Bay to the west, and leave the colony the direction of Mirs Bay, or attempt a landing

REUTER'S MESSAGES

LONDON, May oth.

Ge man and Russian sequisition with findifference.

THE RIOTS IN ITALY. Eight thousand troops occupy Milan. Fugltives say that 300 rioters were killed and 1,000 wounded. All is now quiet.

THE AMERICAN SPANISH WAR. A French steamer reports that she saw the Unlied States contser Montgomery chased by that a battle is imminent.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HERR Andida the missing balloonist and North Pole explorer, is said to be in the Kloudike

For demanding more than legal fare two chili coolies were to-day fined \$5 each in defaul fourteen days,

WE regret to announce the death of Mrs. G. Patton, wife of the foreman coppersmith of the Kawloon Dock, which occurred this morning.

A CHINESE woman was to-day sentenced to six menths' hard labour for abducting a girl, 13 years of age, from Stanley Street to Yau-ma-ti.

A MANILA paper gravely observes that "Lord Charles Beresford's election to the mayoralty of New York is disputed |" It is only right that it should be.

LIEUT. Viaud, otherwise "Pierro Loti," the famous French writer, is one of a number of naval lieutenants placed on the retired list with out promotion after fourteen years' service. M Visud intends to make an extended Eastern

A CHINAMAN engaged at the Kowloon godowns yesterday felt very thirsty in the heat of the day. He saked his overseer to cumskaw him a bottle of beer. This was refused whereupon he helped himself. To-day he got twenty-eight days' hard some alterations are to be made in order to

THE King of the Belgians is sending a special mission to China, and he has entrusted it to Count Charles d'Ursel, formerly Belgian Minister at Bucharest and Governor of Hainault. Count d'Ursel was to have lest Brussels for the Far East on 24th ult,

The recent appointments by the Inspector General of Customs to deputy-commissionerships are it is understood for the new Likin Office, which is to be to a certain degree independent of the Customs revenue branch of the

WE learn, says the N. C. Daily News, that several of the Chinese servants on board the American men-of-war at Hongkong, some of whom had been twenty years on board successive American ships, on this station, deserted when they heard there was likely to be fighting. Shouldn't wonder.

CAPT. Payne of the steamship Sutsang which arrived to-day from Calcutta reports that on May 8th when in lat. 11'04 N. and long. 110'18 E., the British barque Nanalmo, 49 days out from Bangkok to Shanghai, signalled "short provisions." The steamer stopped and put supplies into a boat from the barque.

THE Government of Natal has offered to supply free of cost 12,000 tons of steam coal annually in Tung Shing Lane and on being interrogated to ships of Her Majesty's Navy calling at the port of Durban. In accepting this gift, Mr. Chamberlain has intimated that the Government are very much gratified at the generous proposal, and highly appreciate the spirit which dictates it.

IT is satisfactory to see that all the banks and I the Sanitary Board, the second, unemployed, leading business bouses and offices are going in | and the third & watchman on the Tal-on. Insfirets of the world, and affording easy landing for a liberal use of Jeye's Fluid and other such pector Meffat gave evidence of arrest and disinfectants about their premises and the drains the third defendant, who he said was the in their vicinity. If only our Calestial friends | informer, was discharged and gave evidence would wave up to the wisdom of such a practice aggainst the other two. The first defendant, in It would be a good thing for themselves and Lanswer to Commdr. Hastings, said it was " for every bady else.

> Ex-INSPECTOR Quincey has, it is stated, been offered the appointment of Superintendent of Police at Yochow by H.E. the Governor of Hunan. Mr. Quincey has accepted the appointment and will shortly proceed to Changsha. He is to train four hundred men to form the nucleus of a force which is subsequently to be brought up to a larger number.

> Two lighter-coolies were to-day charged with stealing about II cut, of sugar belonging to the Taikoo Refinery, Quarry Bay, Mr. G. Buckland, wharfinger, gave evidence that the sugar was on the defendant's lighter, and when it was weighed it was found to be short to the amount stated. One was sentenced to six months imprisonment and the other to three months.

> In connection with the arrests recently made on board the N. D. L. steamer Preuseen at Singapore the Police, with assistance from the Horekong and Shanghal Bank, have now counted the forged bank notes found in possesion of the prisoners. Altogether the face value of the sham notes amounts to the very respeciable total of \$221,015.—Singapore Free

HONGKONG correspondent of the Bellish Realm observes that " as there is a sumour that It is impossible to read this letter and plague is prevalent there, it is as well to allay public apprehension by stating that occasional Dodwell. Chairman of the Company, Mrs. from a land attack, a very large force of of the spirit. The whole Press of Britain, cases may be looked for at certain seasons of the year almost as a matter of course. Only one several good forts and numerous redoubts for this once, caring whether the subject or two cases have occurred during the past month, and it is reassuring to know that the anthorities responsible for the public health are already on the qui vivs." Then they must have gone to sleep again very soon !

and the shore of the mainland. Let an British subject should join and cordially Kowloom residents are complaining bitterly of field and Swire; and others. gardens between Granville and Kimberley Roads. Apparently these gardens are watered with liquid manare in the cool of the evening, THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPIN S. .. just when Kowloonites are taking their daily walk. It is high time that the use of this The Times in a leading article says that an disgusting manure was put a stop to in the peropation by the United States is the best neighbourhood of European dwellings and it is temporary solution of the Philippine question to be hoped that a sanitary inspector may visit and that Great Britain is unable to regard French, ithe vicinity some afternoon to the near future.

AT the Police Court this afternoon the case of keeping a Walsing gaming house in the second floor No. 270 Jervols Street was concluded. On terminated. toth April Detective-Inspector Hanson with the aid of the detective staff raided the house and arrested five men He found that the place had been the centre of a large business in the Walsing lottery. Each of the men was tentenced to three mouths hard labour and fined Br. coo sack powerful Spanish craises off Hayil. It is believed in default another six months. The money was confidented,

THE Hermione, cruiser, was commissioned at Developert on the 6th April, to relieve the Pique cruiser, Captain A. C. Corry, on the China Station. The Pione will not leave China until. Far Eastern matters are more settled. The Hermione will be taken out by Capitala G. A. Callaghan who commanded her in the Channel Squadron last year.

WE are not going to say anything nasty this time but we simply publish the following paragraph frem the N. C. Dally News of Saturday, agrd ulto, :-We do not often have to complain of the Hongkoog Post Office, but we received yesterday Hongkong papers with dates from the 7th to the 14th last,, the excllest being 15, and the latest 8 days old. On Wednesday, last we Other Spanish ships beacked or scuttled to received Hongkong papers of the 16th insti-

THE Terrible has been placed in commission. for a series of experimental cruises, and the other day some trials were carried out in order to see if nothing could be done to lessen the enormous coal expenditure on her auxiliary engines. It was found on the recent passage of the Powerful to China that the coal expenditure on the auxiliary engines, such as the fan engines. the electric light, refrigerating and evaporating machinery, &c., totalled up to something like 40 tons a day, and an a similar state of things was proved by the trials to exist in the Terrible, obtain more economical results. If there are any naval manouvres this summer, she will be detailed to take part in them, and in that case we shall soon learn more as to her capabilities. -British Realm.

A LIST has been completed by the Admiralty of the ships on foreign service which are to be ordered home to pay off this year, and also a list of the vessels which they propose to recommission abroad for further service. The ships which are to be or have already been ordered home are the craisers Warefreus, Capt. G. F. King Hall, Pique, Capt: A. C. Corry, and Rainbew, Captain V. A. Tisdall, from China Station Too vessels serving abroad which are to be commissioned on their stations include the Barfleur, Capt. R. N. Custance, the gunboats Redpole, Lieut, and Com. E. H. Gralion , Pigmy Lieut. and Com. C. J. T. Dormer, and Plover, Lieut, and Com. S. V. Y. de Horsey; the sloop Daphne, Com. A. A. C. Galloway, the storeship Humber, Com. F. R. Gransmore, and the despatch vessel Alacrity, Com. A. H. Smith-Dorriep, on the China Station.

THREE Portuguese named Bernado Crus Baptists and Lisbesti, were charged at the Police Court to-day with disorderly conduct According to the evidence it appears that on Saturday evening the defendants entered houses by the occupants as to the legality of their intrasion, they said they were authorised by the Government to search for plague cases. Then they commenced searching the place, naturally causing great inconvenience to the people, The first defendant was described as an overseer of fon." Commdr. Hastings :- It is rather dear fun. You are fined &c each, to default two months' (asprisonment:

SAD DEATHON H.M.S.M.GRAFION!

Advices to hand by H.M.S. Pigus report that Ligutenant Newton S. Allen died suddenly at Chefon on board H.M.S. Grafton, on the afternoon of the grd inst. A post mortem examination was held on the 4th when it was discovered that death was due to hemorrhage on the brain caused by a immour. The funeral took place at Chefoe on the 5th inst. and was conducted with full naval honour, officers from all the ships of the squadron following the coffin to the grave. Lieutenant Allen was gazetted to the Grafton on 16th April, 1896, and was very popular amongst his brother officers. He leaves a widow, at present at Nagazaki, where she was hoping to meet her husband in a few days. We tender our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Allen in her sad bereavement.

LAUNCH OF A GUNBOAT.

At the Kowloon Dock yesterday a steel gunboat built by the Dock Co. for the Siamese Government was launched. The vessels at of the occasion and there was a large gathering of speciators, amongst whom were Mr. G. B. Dodwell, Captain Goddard, Mr. Macdonald, who has been watching the building of the vessel of the Slamese Government; the Hon, C. I Chater, Stamese contait Mr. D. Gillies, chief manager; Mr. R. Cooke, assistant manager, and Mrs. Cooke; Mr. Mumford, Lloyds Surveyor, and Mrs. Mumford ; Mr. Stanbury, Assistant General Surveyor for Lloyds; Mrs. C. Ford; Mr. Ramsey, Superintendent for Messes, Butter-Mr. Gillies banded a mallet to Mrs. Dedwell, Me, Denny's Bushey Park, Mr. Rills I

who cut the ropes, at the same time she broke the orthodox bottle of champagne on the versel's bow, and the craft gracefully glided into het . The HART LEGACY CUP. Half-s-mile. lutura element.

proposed the health of Mrs. Dodwell and "Success to the craiser," Mr. Dodwell respond-Mr. Stanbury proposed the health of Mr. Gilles and " Success to the Dock Company, "and complimented the Dock Company on the work

they were able to turn out, saying that it was the best he had seen since he had left England. Mr. Gilles teplied and the proceedings Mr. Don Jean's Blaubart, Mr. Meyerink I with a four-inch Armstrong gus and four small expansion, direct acting, surface condensing

Cylinders 13 Inches, 31 Inches, and 35 Inches length of stroke 24 inches. There are two | The GRAND STARES, One mile. cylindrical type, nine feet in length and eight Mr. Four Stare Southern Cross, Mr. Crawford a that the two ficets are nearing each other and found in the place, which amounted to \$1105, feet three in diameter, the working pressure Mr. Major Bumps Pride of the North, being 170 lbe,

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Although Hongkong is the nearest port to the Philippines and although such a considerable quantity of journalistic talent left, Hongkong for the scene of operations, every other place in the world seems to have got the news before Hong-

Havas tolograms dated Paris May 2nd give all the particulars of the battle in great form as.

MARILA, May 1st. American squadron entered Manila Bay this morning. Brisk cannonade with Spanish equedron and forts at Cavito. Spanish cruisers Castilla and Cristina burnt. Several officers killed, including commander of the Cristina. avold capture.

"Americans have established blockade Manila. Population fied, panic, immediate expectation of bombardment.

May and. During yesterday's fight at Cavite the suburbs of Manila were burnt. American Admiral Dewey demanded immediate capitulation on pain of . bombardment. It is remoured that Manila has capitu-

The following telegrams appeared in the Nagazakt Press of the 4th, 5th and 6th inst. and indicate that Hongkong as usual was left out in the cold :--

U.S. NAVAL VICTORY. TORYO, May and.

The War Department has received telegrams stating that the U.S. Fleet engaged the Spanish ficet in Manile Bay. The Spanish Squadron has been sendered

almost useless. One Spanish ship is baroing. BOMBARDMENT OF CAVITE CLOSE TO MANULA. The forts at Cavite, two miles from Manile, are new being bombarded by the U.S. Fleet.

Another Tokyo despatch states that the U.S. fleet has bombarded the Patine [? Cavite] for-

tifications and occupied the place. THE FIGHT IN MANILA BAY. TOKYO, May 3rd. The engagement off Manile occurred at day-

ight on May 1st. Eight U.S. vessels engaged four Spanish The engagement lasted one bour.

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Spanish versels were suck. THE AMERICANS LAND. Immediately after the naval engagement the Americans occupied the Patine forts and turned the guns landwards.

DESTRUCTION OF MANILA. The greater part of Manila has been destroyed

DIEL RISING. It is reported that is rabelisising has occurred

n the interior. EXCITEMENT IN SPAIN : REVOLUTION FRARED KCHE, May 5tb, to a.m.

A telegram, presumably official, has been received in Tokyo, stating that the wildest excitement prevails throughout Spain on account of the Spanish defeat in Manile. . Large crowds have assembled outside the

Government offices, bliterly represching the efficials for their unpreparedness for war. The police have used force in order to prevent the republican feathers from openly denouncng the Government.

The residents of Madrid fear that a revolution NO WAR HIW! FROM MANILA.

TORYO, May 4th. There is no wer news from Maplie. Apparently the cable from Manila to Hongkong bas been cut.

Singapore also learnt before we did, that the U.S. squadron had got inside the Bay of Manila. We take this from Siegapore papers :---THE CIBLE INTERRUPTED PROBABLY BY THE

AMERICAN FLEET. The Cable Company Inform us that the Hongkovg-Mania cable falled suddenly about 7.30 on the and last, the interruption being "at on close to Manile-believed to be due to the presence of the American fleet is Manila Bay, where the first lay about three miles off the city, at latest advices, during the

SHANGHAI RACKS

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FIRST DAY.

The SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFIN PLATE, Threedusters of a mile. Mr. Freddy's Giddy Kloper ... Wr. Comming 1* Mr. Minor Lake's Haicracker

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Dond Heat The EXITERION STAKES. One mile. Mr. Hopeful's Amason Wr. W. W. Cox Mr. Dennis's The Onicast (late Guiding Star),

The GRIFFINE PLATE. Three-quarters of a Messrs. Middy and Falk's Forest King......

The CATHAY CUP. One mile and a ball. Mr. Siurgla's Vaquero, sieres essesses Mr. Read I Mr. Ring's Montabello, Mr. Meyerick 2 Mr. Duplez's The Broker, Mr. Renny 3 The JOCKEY CUP. Once found.

Mr. Donale's The Unknown, Mr. Collingwood 3 Mr. Glendaya's Calengorm, Mr. Master Z

The Klang-su Platz. One mile and three-Messie Torg & Barley's Tyne (late Lanks)

> Mr. R. C. Renny's Bisck Slipper, Mr. Renny 3 The RACING SPAKES. One mile and a quarter. Mr. Glandayo's Scotsmap, Mr. Master 2

> The CHIHLI CUP | One mile.

Mei Meyerlak 3"

Mr. Fred Fuchwa'dy, a brother of the young lady who larly succumbed to plague, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital a few days ago sufferlig from fever. Yesterday his symptoms wer/ such that he was sent to Kennedytown Hoplini. This morning we were pleased to hearthat be was out of danger and that his condition was improving:

-P.c. McDonald, who has had a rather severe attak of plague is now convelescent and yesterday he was allowed a day's leave from hospital: | Interest at the present moment perhaps you will Tie effect of his illness has told upon him conaderably, especially in the matter of weight.

Apropos of plague a good story is told concerning the outbreak of 1894. A certain police officer, who had been a tectotaller all his life. was feeling poorly and he consulted a well known medico, new in England, He told his patient that he would have to leave off the whisky or it would be a serious matter for him. The patient replied in dismily "Why, doctor, I don't know the taste of whicky or any other spirits," "You don't," said the doctor,-" then it's well time you did."

During the 24 hours up to noon, 10th May, 25 new cases and 12 deaths from plague were reported, making the total since 1st January (130 days) 944 cases and 750 deaths.

(From Ceylon peppers.)

CALCUTA, April 23.d. A great sensation has been caused at Agra by the arrest of a Moulvie for sedition. The Moulvie, while publicly haranguing his hearers both Hindus and Mahommedans to leag together in opposing the Government, and compelling them to modify the Plague sules. He also objected to Mah: mmedans and Hindus lish habits. The accused bas been remanded. BOMBAY Ap. II 23rd.

The Bombay retur- a yesterday abow 88 cases and 61 deaths from Playue; from all causes 162 April 22nd.

The Plague a' Kurrachee continues to seriously altacks. CALCUTTA, April 26th.

The alarming increase of Plague at Karachi has now spead to every q arter of the town. The Plague is still spreading in the Punjab and further precautions are being taken to prevent the possibility of wareaching Simia. CALCUITA, April 26th.

Some uneasiness has arisen in Calcutta, owing to a number of suspicious cases of fever, with glandular swellings, suspected to be Plague, from which several deaths have occurred in the town within the past week. The greatest vigifance is being exercised by the health officers, and every precaution is being taken to stamp out the disease, which the Dectors are not prepared to admit is Plague. Dr. Haffkine's report on the culture from the first care is being awalted.

EOMBAY, April 26th. The Bombay Gazette states that Dr. Haffkine declares that the cultures of the suspicious cases in Calcuita, which have been sent to him here for examination, are undoubtedly true Plague.

PLAGUE INOCULATION. SIMLA, April: 22nd. There is good authority for the statement that Professor Haffkine's plague incculations in Baroda, which have been conducted under far more reliable conditions, then any 'previous experiments, and which were tested upon the spot by the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service during his recent tour, give results so promising as to bid fair to be of the greatest importance in dealing with the plague hercafter.

It appears that as nearly as possible half the inhabitants of a typical infected village were incculated, but to make the comparison, observations were confined to families in which all the members were aqually exposed to contagion | about " blood and water." through the occurrence of plague cases amongst them, and is each of which some individuals. were ineculated and some not. In such families about seventy-four persons were inoculated and sixty-nine uninoculated. Amongst the uninoculated there subsequently occurred twentyeight plague cases and iwenty-six deaths, while amongst the inoculated there were altogether only eight cases of which three died, the remainder recovering. In other words, it would - seem that inoculation proved a more or less efficacions protection in nine cases out of ten.

WATER POLO COMPETITION.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WIRL

The VR.C. Water Polo Committee. with Mr. T. Batchelor representing the King's Own Regiment, and Mr. R. Lapsley representing Kowloon, met yesterday evening in connection with the projected competition. It was decided that for this sesson at least, it should take the cup tie form and be brought off in rounds, the matches to be played under the English Amateur Swimming Associations Water Pelo tules of 1802,

The management will be in the bands of the VR.C. Water Polo committee assisted by a club competing,

The competition is open to all teams approved of by the committee, the entrance fee being \$3 per team and the latest date up to which entries | Meteor, Chantleleer, She (late Ailesn), Dorts, may besent in is fixed at 15th June.

Each team must be provided with two sets of i did not race. caps, one red, and one white, No player is allowed to assist more than one

team during a sesson in connection with this competition. Badges will be given to the winning team and

a subscription is to be started to provide a challenge trophy.

Mr. A. E. Alves fills the office of Hop. Treasurer and Mr. T. Yole that of Hon. Secretary. Teams are requested to send in their entries as early as possible.

THE NEW TREATY PORTS.

spontaceously or at request of the British order and the play, was generally of a capital most important is likely to be Yo-chow-fu. The bettered his score by about 2 strokes had he and city stands on the eastern shore at the entrance | his companion not finished almost in the dark. to the great lake of Tungaling. The lake re. whilst the latter should have lowered his return ceives the water of three large rivers-the Slang, Tso, and Yean-which form an important aff-Inent of the Yangisza. The produce of the sursounding country is tes, coal, fron, copper, and

The opening of Chinwang, in the Liso-tung Gulf, is probably more political than commercial. The ascialness of the port must, however, be seriorsity affected by the Russian rallways from the North. Though in the event of Russia closing Newchwang, the present Treaty Port in the north of the Gulf of Peckill, Chinwang, would be a commercial sel-off.

Funing Is sligate on the coast of Funkien about half-way between Wenchow and Foochow. When the Germans acquired Kiao-chow there was some talk about their exchanging that place for a position on the Sam-rah infet, at the north of which stands Funing, but nothing came of it. It is a prefectural city of some im- I portance .- L O. C Lepyotti

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinious expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ROSCHOST TELEGRAPH." STR.- In the leading sticle in your issue of 10th instant, "Perfidious Albion and the Monres Deciring," the origin of the line of policy fami liar to the world as the Monroe doctrine is left in doubt. As the matter is of considerable allow me to add a few words of explanation which may arrist the solution. Having no books or other suthorities convenient for reference, I write under correction, relying mainly recently received from a friend in Philadelphia. Most of your readers know all about the "Holy Alliance." Very few years ago every

combination of despots to crush the efforts of men struggling for freedom was credited with divine origin and enveloped in the edeur of sanctity. The rise of the United States and the progress of free institutions in Great Beltain were viewed with suspicion and apprehension by the autocrats, or personal sulers of Europe and while Spanish America was achieving its Independence the sovereigns of Austria, France, Prussia and Russia entered into a solemn paci to assist each other to subdue all attempts at democracy or popular freedom; and on the other side to maintain absolutirm. This, shortly, was the Holy Alliance, than which nothing could be more repugnant to the spirit of the in the Market Square, endeavoured to persuade governments and prople of Britain and Americe. The alliance was undoubtedly intended to crush the rising republics of Spanish America and re-establish absolutism Western America, wherever possible to wearing European costume and imitating Eng. to; and it was then that President Monroe gave solemn warning-that if the Holy Alli

ance made any move of that kind the United States would go to the aid of such republics the British Government, on their part, letting the world know that in such a struggle British sympathy would be entirely on the side of the United States. The effect of this manly warning increase, It is more virulent than last year's | was that the Holy Alliance desisted from its avowed purpose to crush liberty in America and elso in Kurope.

"When President Monroe first enunciated the doctrine," so mylcorrespondent writes, "that an injury done to any American re. ublic by a European power was an injury to the United States, and that the latter power would resent any effort of European monsrchies to extend their system of Government on the South American Continent or spread their territorial possessions in the new world by conquest or colonisation, England was the European power, and the only power, to give adhesion to this dectrine which has since borne the name of the president who declared it. Indeed the British Government prompted President Monroe to make this de-

Monroe doctrine shows that it embedies the cower with our Colonies in one case, with to have brought in a famine, adjacent territories in another; and the sconer this declared policy is accepted the better for internatio al peace. It was impossible for the United States to stand by and permit the further oppression of the Cubine without violating a doctrine which may be regarded as part of the constitution; it was equally impossible for Great Britain, consistent with her former declaration of adherence, to withhold her sympathy with action that appeals to every sense of justice

and humanity. It is by such sympathics as these that the United States and Great Britain become bound to each other. Community of interest and the behests of freedom are bonds far more enduring and trustworthy than the unmeaning platitude

There are no doubt many persons who still, cling to the theory of the "divine right of kings"; but this is an iconoclastic age in which men begin to realise that the only Government is Government by themselves.

I am, &c., A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD. May 11th, 1898.

ROYAL HONGRONG PACET CLUB. DOW.

The closing cruise of the season took place on year, it may be of interest to some to recall the daunted. 12; Java, Nestor, Yarra, Bart. Sunday, last in very fine weather, the Com- work of the Yellow River when it fiswed mont, Castle, Pallodon Hall, 15 ; Breconshire, moders and fleet leaving the Club moorings about one o'clock and salling over to the north side of Stoneculter's Island, where they anchored for tiffin. About half-past three a ladies' race was started, course round Stonecutter's Island. The boats finished as follows :---

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Mald Marian, Miss Purden received i min.	4	39	35	
Payne, Mrs. Bagnail Wilde	4	40	35	-
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received 2) min. The Active and Phabe went the apposite way fround to the others, but had no advantage. The and Seabreere also took part in the cruise, but

The draught of the Phabe bad been increased o about 4 ff. 3 in., and she apprared to go much better for it in the good breeze, but she is scarcely fit to take Championship honours yet.

ROPAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP AND SILVER MEDAL FOR MAY.

The above club closed its second monthly competition for the Captain's Cup on Monday last, the price being a pair of magaincent silver gilt "summers " presented by Mr. T. Jackson. Of the three new Treaty Ports that China | There was a large entry for the Cop and 17 has signified her willingness to open (whether went in for the pool. The links were in good Minister in China does not seem clear) the description. The winner of the Pool would have

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THE DEFENCES OF HONGKONG

In the course of a well-laformed article in the Naval and Milliary Magazine on Hongkong, which is termed "Our Gibralias of the Far Enst," the writer, Lieutenant-Colonel Le Mesurier, says :- The defences of this distant possession are hardly commensurate with the important position it now occupies, nor are they commensurate with the position this colony is destined to occupy in the not very distant fature, As China and Japan develop, the importance of the colony will become enhanced. At the moment Horgkong depends mainly upon the fleet upon memory and the contents of a letter to prevent the landing of a hostile force upon her almost defenceless southern and eastern shores. The gard on is something less than 3,000 men, which would, of course, render some assistance in repelling an attack; but it is perfectly certain that, if an enemy could succeed in confining our fleet to to the harbour, very little opposition could be offered to the landing of a large force, if supported by the guns of a fleet. There are some small batteries erected on the southern side of the island but these would be of no use sgainst heavy ships' guns. Moreover I believe that the town and harbour could be shelled by ships lying off the south coast. What is peeded to render that fortress imprognable is a proberly constructed set of works for the protection of that part of the island. Until something of the kind is done, Hongkong will be liable to be carried by a coup de main. Another important question is the supply of food. The supply of the quarter of a million Inhabitants of the colony has to be brought from the mainland. Apart from the danger of having so large an allen population at overs door, it would become impossible to feed such large numbers in time of war, as the ordinary methods of supply would assuredly be dislocated by such a convulsion. He advocates British-born Chinese as militia and those who did not desire to leave to also thus serve. There are some very good reproductions of photos to assist in understanding the letter press. In regard to the food supply question, he suggests that the Tytam and d'Aguilar peninsulas should be fenced off as pig suns, where the Chinese he low-backed species might roam at will and propagate. These pigs are hardy and will I've and fatten on little.

THE FAMINE IN THE NORTH.

With reference to the famine in the North Klangsu district a correspondent of the N. C. Dally News wiltes as follows :-

When we pass through a severe experience we naturally look back over the past for parallels. Unfortunately for the forefathers of these people the examples are all too frequent. There has been an average of a famine in Hatichien Very little consideration of the principle of the every twenty years for 600 years. Four ismines are recorded as due to heavy summer rains, the main article of belief of English as well as cause of the want here this year. Seven are Americans. Neither of us will permit, or due to droughts. Nine are merely recorded, even tolerate, the interference of any European and 17 of the floods of the Yellow River are said

> In 1575, 1641, and 1833 it is said that men ate their fellows. Old men say that the price of grain is now bigher than it was in 1833. Suffering continues as great here as ever. Farmers buying grain fill the atreets every day. Inside the East gate of Hauchlen the government has appropriated a large temple to sell rice tickets. The grain is sold at eight cash per catty cheaper than in the market. Several thousands crowd up to buy every day. Every precaution has to be taken lest the people bjure themselves in the press. When the doors are opened a small yard is filled. Then these doors are shut and this company is admitted to a large room where they crowd up to the high log-protected tables to have their May 8 Choysang Shanghai... J. M. & Co. cash counted. Then they get tickets and go out by another door. With every precaution dally accidents occur. To-day for instance during the morning, two girls were so crashed that their heads bled freely. One man's leg. was broken and another was most seriously inlured. Such is the mad jam to be one to save a few cash on 5 cattles of rice.

These forly days till harvest seem almost an age, and hundreds, perhaps thousands, will not

through bere. The records are terrible. The fickle and resistless stream so often poured her muddy waters over this great plain. The history now at hand goes back with fulness to 1250 A.D. Between that date and 1860 there are 53 recorded overflows. That makes an average of one overflow every 13 years. However, early in the millennium the channel was deeper. Besides, the inconstant stream often returned, and stayed many scores of years is her mother "home." Hence it is only toward the end of her stay in the southern channel that the floods become yearly. The sorrows that those floods brought, the want, the ruined homes, the beggared peasantry, the sickness will never be fully appreciated perhaps. The angulab caused then is somewhat alleviated to us of this generation at least by the fact that the abundant sediment changed millions of acres, of awamps and lakes to good alluvial land.

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CALENDAR.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1898. .

Thermometer75.2 Humidity84.0 TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT. On date at On date at 10 1.00, 4 p.m. Barometer 29.82 20.60 Thermometer 82 Humidity...... 80

TO-DAY. Wednesday, 11th May, 1808. Chinese-Bist of Int. 8rd moon of fifth year of Kwong-sil.

For of the Goddess of the Blind. Jewish-19th Ylar, 5658. Mohammedan—19th Dulheggia, 1816. Sell Somla High water-Morning Shr. Smis. and 11hr. 57mln. Low water-Blorning Ahr. bombs.

Afternoon The black. ANNIVERSABILES. 1843-Wang-An-inng and Hienling visited

Hougkong. 1864-Armed attack on the offices of Messre, Hollday, Wite & Co. 1866-" Black Friday" extensive Bank failures eto: in England.

1878-Attempted assassination of the German Emperor. 1880-The Dake of Genoa arrived in Hongkoop.

1880 - Death of Father Damlen. that-Attempted assessination of the Caute-

witch in Japan. 1894-Collision totween the Milke Marne and Monmouthshire near the Tungsha

lightsbip. 1807-The Powers proposed mediation between Turkey and Greece.

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, 13th May, 1898. Chinese—22rd of Int. 3rd moon of 24th year of Reveness. Jewish-2012 Vier, 5858. Mohammedan-20th Dulhaggia, 1815. Sun-Riss 5hr. 30min. Sets 8hr. 30min. High water - Morning 3hr. 17min. Afternoon Ohr. 57min. Low water-Blorning Shr. Samin.

anniversaries. 1803-Passage of the Douro under Wellington. 1831-The East India Co.'s garden at Canton destroyed by the Mandarins. 1832-Foo-yuen and Hoppo forcibly entered the

Afternoon 8hr. 55min.

Rast India Co.'s factory at Cauton, 1894-Signing of the L'-Fournier Convention. 1805-Protestant Mission at Kiang-yin destroyed and looted.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS,

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Canadian (Empress of Japan) to-morrow. Australian (AirHe) 13th inst. English (Parramatta) 13th inst.

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THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s chartered steamer Venns, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama and Kobe on the 6th

THE China Mutual Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer Moyuns, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal about 6th inst., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 24th inst.

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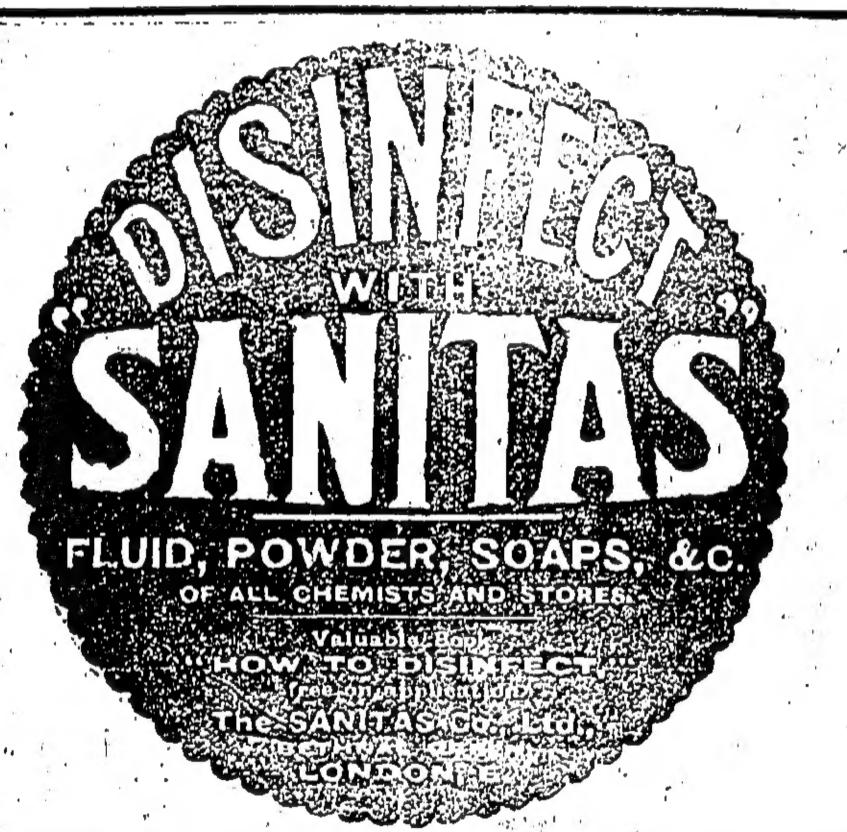
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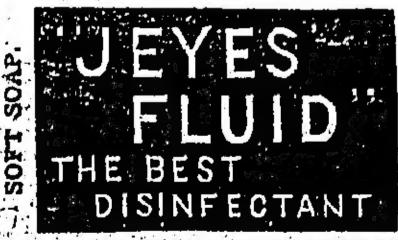
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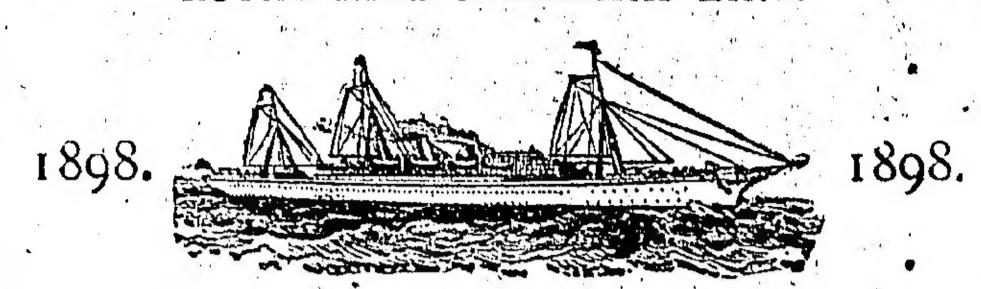
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